

## **Now Accepting Nominations for the 2009 Mayor's Small Business Awards**

Small businesses are vital to Seattle's diverse economy. They create jobs, add character to our neighborhoods, and provide unique local products and services. Would you like to recognize a small business that contributes to the economic vitality and quality of life in Seattle?

The Office of Economic Development is accepting nominations for the 2009 Mayor's Small Business Awards.

For more than 20 years, the Mayor's Small Business Awards have honored the diversity and excellence of small businesses in Seattle. Over the last two decades, the awards program has recognized more than 240 small businesses, including Starbucks Coffee Company (1984), Uwajimaya (1984), Ezell's Fried Chicken (1989), the Dilettante (1990) and City People's Mercantile (1993).

The deadline to submit nomination forms is Wednesday, September 2, 2009. Winners will be announced at a ceremony at Town Hall on October 13, 2009. Read more about the award nomination process or download the nomination form at [www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment/business\\_sba.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment/business_sba.htm)